

House Bill 590 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to incorporate the City of Ambrose in Coffee County, approved March 4,  
2 1955 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2662), as amended, so as to revise the method of filling vacancies; to  
3 provide for election dates; to provide for terms of office; to provide for an oath of office; to  
4 provide for meetings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to incorporate the City of Ambrose in Coffee County, approved March 4, 1955  
9 (Ga. L. 1955, p. 2662), as amended, is amended by revising Section 7 as follows:

10 "SECTION 7.

11 (a) Elections for the offices of mayor and councilmembers shall be held on the Tuesday  
12 after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.

13 (b) The mayor and councilmembers in office on the effective date of this Act shall serve  
14 out the terms to which they were elected. Successors to such mayor and councilmembers  
15 shall be elected at the municipal election immediately preceding the end of such mayor and  
16 councilmember's term of office. The mayor and councilmembers shall serve four-year  
17 terms of office and until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

18 (c) On the first Monday in January of each even-numbered year, the newly elected major  
19 and councilmembers, if elected at the immediately preceding municipal election, shall meet  
20 in the city hall or other designated place in the city and then and there shall severally take,  
21 before some officer authorized under the laws of Georgia to administer oaths, the following  
22 oath of office:

23 'I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will well and truly conduct myself as mayor (or  
24 councilmember, as the case may be) of the City of Ambrose for the ensuing term, and I

will faithfully enforce the charter and ordinances of such city to the best of my skill and ability, without fear or favor; so help me God.'

(d) Should a newly elected mayor or councilmember be absent from the meeting provided for in subsection (c) of this section, he or she shall take the oath of office as soon as possible thereafter.

(e) The mayor and council shall provide, by ordinance, for regular monthly meetings and may hold such special or called meetings as the business of the city may require, which special or called meetings shall be called by the mayor in his or her discretion to be convened in accordance with the city ordinances and the laws of this state.

(f) In the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor or councilmember, if there is one year or less remaining in such person's term of office, then the city council or those remaining shall appoint a qualified individual to fill the balance of the unexpired term of such person. In the event that there is more than one year remaining in such person's term of office, the vacancy shall be filled by special election called and held in accordance with Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A. In the event that all seats on the city council are vacant, such vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 36-30-13."

## **SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.